

REMARKS

Careful consideration has been given to the Official Action of February 22, 2006, and reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has raised objection to the title and amendatory action has been taken therein adopting the proposal of the Examiner to overcome the objection.

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended to overcome the objection raised by the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that the Abstract is now free from objection.

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Seo.

Claims 4-6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to set forth that the damping unit is coupled to the casing to elastically support the casing with predetermined elasticity thus changing the resonant frequency of the hermetic casing.

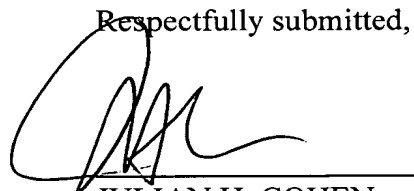
In rejecting claim 1 on Seo, the Examiner cites as the damping unit the top most embossed section shown in Fig. 1 with numerals 145 and 143c. It is respectfully submitted that this is not a damping unit which is coupled to the casing to elastically support the casing with predetermined elasticity to change the resonant frequency of the casing. In point of fact, the element referred to by the Examiner appears to be nothing more than crankshaft stopper. Any attempt at noise reduction is achieved by increasing the stiffness of the casing by tightly attaching members to increase the thickness and change the vibration constant. This is not remotely suggestive of the present invention which requires a support of the casing with predetermined elasticity to change the resonant frequency of the casing.

Claims 4-6 are addressed to particular features of the damping unit and the allowance of these claims is appreciated.

In addition, claims 7-10 have been added and are addressed to the elasticity feature of the damping unit and particularly the elastic deformation of the elastic portion of the damping unit to press against the casing and provide elastic support thereby changing the resonant frequency. This is unique and unobvious when compared with mere increase of thickness to alter the vibration characteristics.

By reason the above action and comments, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in the application are now all in condition for allowance and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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